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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: Chong R. Kim  
TSUKASA SAKO, ET AL. )  
: Group Art Unit: 2623  
Application No.: 09/408,447 )  
: **RECEIVED**  
Filed: September 29, 1999 ) **NOV 12 2004**  
: **Technology Center 2600**  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING )  
: **November 3, 2004**  
: APPARATUS AND METHOD, )  
: PHOTOGRAPHING SYSTEM, )  
: CONTROLLING METHOD )  
: FOR THE SYSTEM, AND )  
: COMPUTER-READABLE )  
: MEMORY )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified application for which a  
Request For Continued Examination has been filed, and in response to the Office Action  
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